

ORDINANCE 2026 –

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 28, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, REGARDING U-TURNS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER OR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO DESIGNATE AND SIGN LOCATIONS WHERE U-TURNS ARE PROHIBITED

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to amend Chapter 28, Article V, Section 28-131 of the City of Mt. Juliet Code of Ordinances relating to U-turns; and

WHEREAS, the amendment will change the circumstances under which U-turns are permitted and prohibited on streets within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners further finds that authorizing the City Engineer or the Public Works Director to designate locations where U-turns are prohibited and to install or cause the installation of appropriate traffic control signs at those locations will promote the safe and efficient movement of traffic; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 28, Article V of the Code of Ordinances is desired to be amended as follows:

Chapter	Article	Section	Section Title	Action
28	V	28-131	U-turns	Amended

; and

WHEREAS, the specific amendments desired to be made are shown in redline form in the attached Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee as follows:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28, Article V, Section 28-131 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction, commonly referred to as a U-turn, upon any street unless such movement can be made safely and without interfering with other traffic, and no U-turn shall be made at any location where official traffic control signs prohibit such movement.

Section 2. The city engineer or public works director, in consultation with the Chief of Police, is hereby authorized to determine those locations within the city at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a U-turn and to direct the placement of appropriate signage at such locations. U-turns may be prohibited during certain hours of any day and permitted during other hours. Any time-based restriction shall be plainly indicated on the applicable signs, or the signs may be removed or covered during the hours when such turns are permitted.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED

In case of conflict between this ordinance or any part hereof, and the whole part of any existing ordinance of the City, the conflicting ordinance is repealed to the extent of the conflict but no further.

If any section, clause, or provision or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision or portion of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED:

FIRST READING: August 10, 2026

SECOND READING:

James Maness, Mayor

Kenny Martin, City Manager

ATTEST:

Jennifer Hamblen, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Samantha A. Burnett, City Attorney